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IN THE ABSTRACT:

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Abstract

This invention relates to a programming station ~~comprising~~ having a memory containing description files, each description file describing part of an automation application and being expressed in a single, ~~hierarchised~~ hierarchical and ~~object oriented~~ object-oriented language such as the XML language. The programming station uses a compression program that generates a file in the compacted format stored in a memory on the automation equipment, for each description file. The compression program ~~comprises~~ includes a step to reduce tags contained in a description file by applying a specific stylesheet and a step to execute a compaction algorithm adapted to XML files.

~~Figure 1~~

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